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SENATOR SCOTT AND MILLION MOMS RALLY FOR GUN LICENSING

BURBANK- Senator Jack Scott (21st District) joined members of the Million Mom March at a rally on the steps of Burbank City Hall this morning in a show of support for his landmark handgun licensing bill.

Scott's legislation, SB 52, calls for handgun purchasers to pass a written test and a safe-use demonstration test. Senator Scott maintains that gun licensing will help keep guns out of the wrong hands by allowing purchasers to be thumbprinted and identified by law enforcement personnel.

"As the law now stands, it's far too easy for criminals to lie about their identities and their backgrounds," claims Senator Scott. "With this legislation, we want to make sure that people who buy handguns know what they're doing and people who shouldn't be buying guns- such as minors and felons- don't."

Under the proposed legislation, handgun buyers in California would have to show that they know how to safely handle and use a deadly weapon before they can apply for the license. To the members of the Million Mom March who rallied in Burbank today, the new law just makes sense.

"More Californians die from guns than from automobile accidents," added Virginia Classick of the Million Mom March. "It's just common sense, that if you license car drivers, you should license gun owners."

Surveys have shown strong public support for handgun licensing in California, with 69% of Californians supporting licensing. And handgun licensing is supported by many law enforcement groups such as the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the California Police Chiefs Association.

SB 52 is currently before the Senate Appropriations Committee. Million Mom March will be rallying on the steps of the State Capitol on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13 as part of their lobbying efforts in support of SB 52.